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Current position/function:

- Duke University: Harry R. Chadwick, Sr. Professor of Law
Research, teach, and lecture on a wide range of issues in international law, international human rights international courts and tribunals, treaties and international organizations, and international law in U.S. courts

Main professional activities:

- Permanent Visiting Professor, iCourts Center of Excellence for International Courts, University of Copenhagen
- Co-Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of International Law
- Co-Director, Center for International and Comparative Law, Duke University
- Author, coauthor or editor of six books and author or coauthor of more than 100 other publications on international law, international human rights, international courts, international organizations, and international law in U.S. courts
- More than 200 academic and professional presentations on these topics
- Law Clerk, Chief Judge Dolores K. Sloviter, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- Associate Attorney, Rabinowitz, Boudin, Standard, Krinsky & Lieberman, New York, NY

Educational background:

- University of Copenhagen: Honorary Doctorate in Law (2014)
- New York University School of Law: J.D. *magna cum laude* (1992)
- Princeton University: M.P.A. (1992)
- Yale University: B.A. *magna cum laude* (1987)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Advance international human rights education and promote compliance with international human rights law by organizing lectures, panels and other activities

- Panelist, Violence and Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity, UN Human Rights Council
- Presentations to UN treaty bodies on LGBT rights & rights of persons with disabilities
- Advisory Committee on International Law, Member, U.S. Department of State
- Lectured on international law and human rights to appellate judges in the U.S. and Ghana
- Research includes interviews of government and international organization officials, judges, bar associations, and civil society organizations in Africa, South America & Europe
- Held several leadership positions in the American Society of International Law

List of most recent publications in the field:

- *Closing International Law's Innocence Gap*, 95 Southern California Law Review (2021)
- *Rethinking Derogations from Human Rights Treaties*, 115 American J. Int'l Law (2021)
- *Populism & International Human Rights Institutions: A Survival Guide* (book chapter 2020)
- *Walking Back Human Rights in Europe?* 31 European J. Int'l Law 797 (2020)
- INTERNATIONAL COURT AUTHORITY (co-editor 2018) (Oxford University Press)
